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### Delegate's Corner

As I was preparing for the General Service Conference there was some advice that I heard from a couple of past Delegates, "trust the process and have an open mind". When I first made it into the rooms of AA that same piece of advice was given to me by the man who eventually became my sponsor. The "process" at that time was go to three meetings a week, get a job at each of those meetings, act better than you feel, and do not drink between meetings. That process and doing my best to have an open mind, enabled me to form a relationship with and rely upon God. The 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts have a reliance upon God interwoven into them. If we rely on those 36 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts as a Fellowship, we are relying upon God.

When you read this, I will have returned from the General Service Conference and will be starting to compile my report that I will be giving at the Spring Assembly in Ashland on May 21<sup>st</sup>. This entire process is a new and special experience for me. My life was given back to me by AA and I feel an obligation to give back to the fellowship in any way that my Higher Power leads me, whether it is attending a conference or making coffee.

Hope to see you soon on the Shores of Lake Superior.

In Grateful Service,

Bryon Bensen

Panel 72, Area 74 Delegate Northern Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula of Michigan

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**FROM THE AREA 74 ALTERNATE DELEGATE/ AREA CHAIR**

Happy May Fellow Alcoholics!

I am hoping that Spring will have sprung by the time we gather in Ashland! I am writing this tonight with a heavy heart. A sponsee called me this morning and a guy he was sponsoring died over the weekend and today, in my hometown, the town that I currently live in, a 10-year-old girl was murdered. These tragic, hard, and unimaginable situations can often make one question god, faith, and what is the meaning of it all. The truth is, at least from my perspective, is I don't know. I don't know the meaning of any of it and I have learned for myself, I can't worry about the meaning of it all, or the meaning of any of it. My job is simply to give love, grace, understanding and ask "how can I help?" Those actions may not bring meaning to them but they might bring comfort to those in need. Those actions get me out of my head and out of my head is the safest place for me to be.

I heard at my meeting tonight something from a long-timer that has been instrumental in my recovery from day 1 the following; the true and most impactful spirituality part of our program is more in the practice of our spiritual principles that the abstract idea of spirituality. Our book says that "faith without works is dead". Our program is a program of action. Through the actions our relationship with god grows and we are graced with sobriety.

Speaking of action – our delegate is back from New York and has spent so much time preparing to represent our voice, traveling to New York, and preparing his report for all of us, the Area Officers have been busy fulfilling their tasks, Committee Chairs getting busy doing work in their Committees, DCMs chairing their monthly meetings, and GSR's carrying their group's voice. That is all action – all service. When I need a boost or a mental pick-me-up, I think of all of you, thank you for giving me the fuel to move on.

I look forward to seeing you in Ashland and if your group, district or committee needs anything, please let me know. With blessing and gratitude,

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider  
Area 74 Alt-Delegate / Area Chair

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**Send Area 74 Contributions To: Area 74 Treasury  
PO Box 171 Manistique, MI 49854**

**Very Important!! Please include group number, group name,  
and address of group location or point of contact**

**If there is only a group name and location, or contact address, please include this.**

**Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer treasurer@area74.org**

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<b>DATES TO REMEMBER 2022</b>		
<b>5/20-5/22/2022</b>	<b>Area 74 Spring Conf</b>	<b>Hosted by District 13 AmericInn Ashland, WI</b>
<b>5/21/2022</b>	<b>Area 74 Assembly</b>	<b>Spring Conf Site Ashland, WI</b>
<b>5/22/2022</b>	<b>Area Committee Mtg</b>	<b>Spring Conf Site Ashland, WI</b>
<b>8/6/2022</b>	<b>Area Committee Mtg</b>	<b>OPTIONAL Site TBD</b>
<b>9/16-9/18/2022</b>	<b>Area 74 Fall Conf</b>	<b>No Bids for hosting</b>
<b>9/17/2022</b>	<b>Area 74 Assembly</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>9/18/2022</b>	<b>Area Committee Mtg</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>10/29/2022</b>	<b>Area 74 Assembly</b>	<b>Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI</b>
<b>12/10/2022</b>	<b>Area Committee Mtg</b>	<b>Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI</b>

**\*\*NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74 Service Structure**. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct. We hope that, by providing the Area 74 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.

**BOLD = AREA 74 events** UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

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ZOOM info for all Area 74 Service Meetings:  
 Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882  
 Passcode: 1212144  
 One tap mobile  
 +16465588656,,84110965882# US (New York)  
 +13017158592,,84110965882# US (Washington D.C)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84110965882?pwd=OWJScFNFRmhGSFI4ZEIYbkFYVGY0Zz09>

**PLEASE SEND ITEMS, ARTICLES, DISTRICT NEWS, STANDING COMMITTEE ARTICLES, GROUP OPINIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF YOUR AREA 74 NEWSLETTER**

**Refer to [www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org) for the most up to date info on AA and COVID19 ramifications**

**There are still 40 rooms available at the AmericInn in Ashland under block name "Area 74 Spring Conference"**

**CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO**

**DISTRICT MEETING May 2022 LIST**

<b>DIST</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Zoom Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	2nd Sun	2:00 PM	St Mark's Church 140 S Green Bay Rd Neenah, WI	
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
4	Thursday	1st Thur	6:30 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St Amherst, WI	
5	Weds	2nd Wed	6:45 PM	Zoom ID 829 0126 1204, PW district05	
6	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76 Chippewa Falls	
7	Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	5:00 PM	2111 S. Central Ave. Marshfield	
8	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellan St Wausau, WI	
9	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	2:00 PM	Suring United Methodist Church 314 E Main St Suring, WI	
10	Saturday	7th	9:00AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom Rhinelander, WI	
11				No information Available	
12	Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	12:30 PM	10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom Hayward, WI	
13	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	5:00 PM	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave. Ashland, WI	
14	Sunday	8th	5:30 PM	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th Street, New Richmond, WI	
15				No information Available	
16				No information Available	
17	Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	105 W Fleshier Iron Mountain, WI	
18	Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	106 N Main St Ishpeming, MI	
19				No information Available	
20	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St Germfask, MI	
21	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	6:00 PM	Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Houghton Ave Houghton, MI	
22	Thursday	1st Thur	6:00 PM	115 Club 115 N. 5th Ave Sturgeon Bay, WI	
23	Sunday	1st Sun	6:00 PM	Shell Lake Alano Club Shell Lake, WI	
24	Weds	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S Ladysmith, WI	

**DISTRICT MEETING June 2022 LIST**

<b>DIST</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Zoom Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	2nd Sun	2:00 PM	Prince of Peace Lutheran 2330 E. Calumet Appleton, WI	
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
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11				No information Available	
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## AREA 74 ARCHIVIST POSITION OPENING

AREA 74 HAS AN OPENING FOR A DEDICATED MEMBER TO SERVE AS AREA 74 ARCHIVIST.

Section 10.00 The Area Archivist will be a non-rotating member of the Area Archives Committee; will be responsible for the collection, the documents, and artifactual items of Area 74; takes care of and maintains the physical integrity or condition of the collection; develops finding aids, so as to add to the collection; is responsible for ensuring the protection of members and the confidentiality of all AA records. An AA Archivist is the “keeper of the past.” The Archives Committee using the Archives workbook as a guide will select the Archivist and recommend to the Area Assembly for approval.

Area 74 Winter Assembly  
Saturday April 9, 2022  
Quality Inn-Rhineland, WI  
MINUTES

Meeting opened at 9:05 am. New GSR's & DCM's introduced themselves.

**Roll Call:**

*Area Officers:* Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer.

*Committee Chairs:* Archives, CPC, Corrections MI, Finance, Grapevine, Now & Then, Literature, PI

*DCM's:* 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,20

Area Chair, Nicholas recognized past Delegates at the Assembly: Panel 59-Torv T, 56-Jeff C, 62-Marty L, 68-Sara P, 70-Char V.

**Attendance:** 43 in person, 21 Zoom = 64

Minutes from Area 74 Assembly 10/30/21 approved unanimously.

Workshop Presentation-DCM 02 Kendra. “Concept II; A 1,000 Foot View” Slideshow with historical aspects.

**Area Officer Reports-** (*See Appendix I*) Secretary, Registrar, Alt Delegate/Area Chair, Delegate,

Treasurer-Dean indicated that the new NetSuite numbers

are being issued to new groups in AA. Legacy numbers are still being used by the older groups along with the new assigned NetSuite numbers.

**Standing Committee Reports-** (*See Appendix II*) Archives, CPC, Literature, PI, Corrections MI

**Finance-**question from the body: Which line items are used for reimbursement expenses & what are the working budgets?

Area chair indicated that there is expense for Travel & Committee engagements to reach out and carry the message. They all have budgets that are posted in the Now and Then. Budget requests are made at the end of the year for the following year.

**Now and Then-** Contact the N&T at email address: [area74newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area74newsletter@gmail.com)

Let us know if you're receiving 2 Newsletters so we can drop one.

**Reimbursement for IT for 04/09/22**

“Reimbursement for IT volunteers for lodging, travel and food for 04/09/22 Assembly. This reimbursement will be either a line item expense or added to Assembly expense cost.”

Barb S. made a motion to reimburse the IT people today for \$157.00 All in favor. Motion passes.

**Discussion GSC Agenda Items and Delegates Workshop Reports-**

Delegate Bryon B. leaves for the General Service Conference (GSC) on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. and chose 18 Agenda Items to discuss with the Assembly and bring the Group Conscience to the GSC. Bryon wants to take the Body's opinion. It was decided that minority opinions would not be heard because the ‘sense of the body’ does not call for the minority opinion. Bryon wants a sense of the body, for and against. He made it clear that if you feel strongly, express it at the microphone.

**Question:** Is the body in favor of changing the outcome of 2 Agenda items that were passed @ the 71<sup>st</sup> GSC in 2021 with a Floor Motion at the 72<sup>nd</sup> GSC? There have been requests to do so as participation was down in 2021 because of Covid & that could have affected the votes.

1. Does the Body support the rescission of: “to find a partner with whom the fullest union can be made...” from the original, “a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex...” VOTE: 17 Yes & 27 No \*keep vote as is.
2. Does the Body support the rescission of: “No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony...” from the original, “No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape...” VOTE: 19 Yes & 26 No \*keep vote as is.
3. Does the Body support the rescission of the Preamble: The rescission replaced the words “men and women” with the word “people” in the first sentence of the Preamble.

Shane, 05 spoke about an LGBTQ Group in his district that feels thankful about the language change and that it has helped the group. Bryon asked if the General Service Board (GSB) who oversees the Grapevine, brought this motion? Char, Grapevine Chair, indicated that the GSB received many requests to make the change from ‘men & women’ to ‘people’. This was a floor action and not introduced by the GSB. VOTE: 8 YES & 41 NO

**Corrections** - Agenda Items C & D-Consider requests to limit changes to *Alcoholics Anonymous* & Discuss request to make AA literature changes slowly and with AA’s primary purpose in mind. Marty L. spoke of AA’s primary purpose and doesn’t know what direction we’re going? He stated that we have pamphlets for everything. Is there a need to change the literature?

**Literature**-Item K, *Review progress report regarding the formation of the translation of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous (fourth edition), to simple language.* Carla 02 indicated that workbooks are not necessary; Sponsors take us thru the Big Book. Barb S. said this will help those who don’t read well. Marty L. wondered who will write the plain language book and thinks there will be a lot of different opinions. Tom District 12 discussed this with his group. They want to respect the original writings, but historical footnotes would be fine. Pat GSR 05 feels that pamphlets can be written but to have original literature alone. Bethany GSR would like to have AA approved workbooks. Barb S. hoped there could be AA workbooks for the Big Book and the 12 and 12. Bryon indicated he would make a motion for workbooks applicable to the Big Book & 12 and 12. Char indicated that two different workbooks are being discussed and will most probably be aimed at Sponsorship and the Big Book and/or the 12 and 12. Call VOTE: 40-Yes & 11-No

**Public Information**- Agenda Item K “Review request to create a new form of communication to address Anonymity on social media”. Bryon thinks this may be a video about Anonymity. Michelle, GSR asked who the communication would be directed to? Bryon answered that they will collect information on people who use social media.

**Policy/Admissions**-Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) process. EDW is a 3-year pilot program. The report was complicated but we have to try to ‘keep it simple’. Most of the Agenda Items each year are given to the Literature Committee while other committees like Corrections see very few Agenda Items. Therefore, all committees will be subject to being assigned Agenda Items that may have nothing to do with their committees. The body was very supportive of the EDW process. If anyone wants to submit an Agenda Item to the General Service Office (GSO), submissions need to be in their office by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Marty is concerned about the time frame for submission. He thought a date in October would be better. Delegates can voice their concerns...why 9/15? We are discussing this now so GSR’s and Districts can discuss this with their groups, come to the May Assembly with a motion so we can forward the Agenda Item on time to the GSO. There are formal submission forms on the aa.org website. Jeff C. want to remind us that it takes almost 4 years before a decision is made about motions that are submitted. Just make an informed decision and then stay informed. The submission form doesn’t allow for information about how the motion evolved. Sara P. indicated that conference materials are spoken about all year long. Char shared that Delegates go out to the different locales/Districts and the various committees should try to be well versed on motions that are submitted, even if they have nothing to do with their committees. This goes along with EDW.

## **OLD BUSINESS-**

*District 13 Motion Rebuild* (See Appendix III)

Marty indicated that the motion has not been seconded. Barb S. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Marty explained that the committees would decide where to go but groups in the Districts could make requests of specific committees through their DCM. This will be reviewed in 2024 so it’s a work in progress. We share our experience and every Area Committee will be involved. CPC chair Kevin likes the idea of being proactive. Jeff C. asked what will happen if certain committees are being asked to go to multiple districts. Marty indicated that each committee will go to one district per year. Area Chair read the motion and called for the VOTE:  
41-YES & 2 NO \*Passes.

Motion for Hybrid Meetings: Area 74 will purchase equipment which allows for hybrid Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. Furthermore Area 74 will create 2 non-rotating appointed positions to facilitate, maintain, and store the equipment.

Discussion ensued. Char noted that the wrong motion was being displayed. The Secretary, Terri had the correct version (after sharing the wrong version in the minutes) and read it at the Mic. The tech person conducting the Zoom portion of the meeting & working the equipment had an electronic version that he displayed on the screen. Shane DCM is for the motion because he's a member of a distant District. GSR Weaver stated that a vast amount of people in his group need to have this accessibility. There were several questions about cost. Bryon indicated that the cost would be between \$3,000-\$4,000.00. Barb S. stated that people with accessibilities can utilize Zoom & is in favor of Hybrid Area meetings. Marty prefers in-person for real personal engagement. Aaron dist. 08 said that this is good for those who cannot drive. Call the VOTE: 36 YES & 6 NO \*passed

*Archivist Vacancy*-The Area needs to fill this position in order to keep and store the Area 74 Archives. *Q:* how much is currently stored? *A:* 1 ½ mini vans of information.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Area 74 Corrections Chair Vacant.*

Hawk Mahoney nominated by Margaret for Corrections Chair-WI. Hawk does outreach at the Dodge County Jail & his sobriety date is 09/20/82. Vote taken, all in favor. Mr. Mahoney voted unanimously in acclamation.

#### District 13 Travel Motion (See Appendix 3)

Adam wants to get people back to being more involved and wants Area 74 to give an incentive of up to \$35.00. He believes that many groups can't afford to attend Area meetings. Sara opposed. Area 74 already states what the reimbursements are and the Districts and groups should reimburse. Treasurer Dean said we have a lot of money right now because of low travel during Covid but we may not have the funds at a later date. Motion was read by Nicholas and a vote of the Body taken. VOTE: Yes-26 & No-23. Substantial Unanimity is 2/3 and the result of the vote did not meet that threshold. Vote did not pass. Nicholas asked if anyone wished to change their vote. Someone voted Yes and the body voted to reopen the discussion with 25-Yes & 12-No. *Q.* Why or how was the amount of \$35.00 chosen? Adam indicated that \$35.00 is just an amount. Jeff said that we trust our trusted servants & the process. Sara thought that the Groups that send money to the Area could keep that money to send their GSR's & DCM's to the Area Meetings. Vote to retake the vote passed. Call the re-vote for the motion to reimburse vehicles: Yes-33 & No-14. \*Passes

Treasurer Dean & Finance Chair Dave came to the Mic and indicated that they received a check for \$1,072.00 from Washington Island Retreat in Door County that has met for many years. They decided to shut down the retreat and had extra money left in their fund. Dean deposited the check in the Area 74 bank account. This retreat isn't affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous although they have had participation by Alcoholics at their retreat. The Assembly made the decision not to accept the check. Dean will send it back.

WICYPAA XXX Conference update via video: The Conference Co-Chair, Nicole, spoke. The WICYPAA Conference will take place at the Lismore Hotel in Eau Claire in 2023.

#### **Conference Updates:**

Area 74 Spring Conference 2022, Ashland. District 13 hosts May 19, 20, 21. Marty asked attendees to send their Registration fees. Appears in the Now and Then.

Area 74 Spring Conference 2023, Green Bay. District 01 hosts May 19, 20, 21. Lauren estimated that Registration will be between \$12-\$15 & hybrid event.

#### APPENDIX I

Greetings my fellow members of Area 74,

I have been attending a monthly zoom call consisting of alternate delegates on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month which has been nice to serve as a reminder of the size of our fellowship and to hear many areas discussing the same topics we are and wrestling with many of the same decisions. I have joined the monthly DCM Zoom call and answer questions that come up regarding Area 74 events or goings-on.

I will be hosting a meeting of the Area 74 committee chairs on April 24<sup>th</sup>, to discuss what area committees can do and how to do it.

If I can be of service to you, your committee, your district or your group, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you in Ashland.

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

Panel 72 Alt-Delegate / Area Chair

### Travel Expenses for In Person Area Stand-Alone Meetings

Area 74 reimburse one person from each vehicle \$35.00 fuel/travel expenses for attending Area 74 stand-alone business meetings in person. Supporting Information This would help defray travel expenses for any A.A. member driving to an in person business meeting not held in conjunction with other events- ie. Area 74 Conferences. This expense will help promote in person attendance by AA members regardless of service position, membership, or status of hybrid . This expense would be reviewed by the finance committee and sent to the treasurer to pay to these members. It would not be limited by position, but payable per vehicle. Examples of Area 74 service/business meetings are [ but not limited to ] stand-alone Assemblies, elections, Delegate report and special meetings called by the Area Chairperson. If this motion is passed by the Area 74 Assembly, the current budget can be amended to begin this policy at this or a future Assembly yet this year Presented by District 13. Yes-33 & No-14. \*Passes - See Minutes 'New Business' from Assembly above

#### Area 74 Per Car Reimbursement Request Form

Please use this form to request reimbursement for gas expenses incurred traveling to stand-alone Area 74 service meetings. Area 74 will reimburse a **MAXIMUM** of 35 dollars per car. This does not apply to persons that are already being reimbursed such as officers and committee chairs.

Please complete the form and remit to the Treasurer or Finance Chair.

**Please turn completed form in to the Treasurer prior to lunch on service meeting days**

#### Per Car Area 74 Expenses

These are expenses related to **your attendance at an Area 74 event**, including stand-alone Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. One form per event, please.

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Area 74 Function Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Per Car Reimbursement Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Finance Committee Approval

Total Per car expense Expense \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Finance Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer Reimbursed (Date): \_\_\_\_\_



## **Agenda for Area 74 Assembly**

Saturday May 21, 2022

Hybrid Zoom Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882 Passcode: 1212144

AmericInn 3009 Lake Shore Drive E. Ashland, WI 54806

8:30 a.m. – **Orientation conducted by Past Delegate**

9:00 a.m. – **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes (04.09.22)

### **Area Officer Reports**

Area Chair / Alt-Delegate

Secretary

Registrar

Treasurer

Delegate

10:30 – 12:00 **Delegate’s Report from GSC**

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 – 2:00 **Q&A w/Delegate**

### **Urgent Business**

- Structures & Guidelines Confirmation of Chair – Marybeth S
- IT Team Confirmation – Shannon & Bryan
- Archivist

### **Old Business**

- District 18 Motion – Area Chair Apologies -
  - o **“I move to amend Article III Section 8 (page 8) The Area Treasurer and Article IV Section 9.00 (page 10) The Finance Committee to include the wording Contributions received by the Area to cover the expenses of Area 74.”**

### **New Business**

- Finance Committee Motion – Dave K.

### **Conference Updates / Including Bids**

WICYPAA Report –

Fall 2022 Open

Spring 2023 District 01

Fall 2023 Open

Spring 2024 Open

2:30 – Closing & Wrap up

**The Area 74 Finance Committee recommends that the following verbiage be added to Article IV, Section 9.00 of the Area 74 Guidelines:**

The Finance Committee will prepare and present an annual budget for Area 74 as outlined in the Area 74 Annual Budget Guidelines located near the end of this document

**and**

**The Area 74 Finance Committee recommends that a new section be added to the Area 74 Guidelines as follows:**

### **Area 74 Annual Budget Guidelines**

The Area 74 Finance Committee will be responsible for preparing and presenting an annual budget to the Area 74 Assembly. Past experience suggests the following timeline:

- In late July/early August, the Finance Committee chairperson sends out a notice to all seated Area 74 Officers and Area 74 Standing Committee chairpersons, requesting completion of a budget request form. The notice will kindly request the return of the completed form no later than mid-August
- Upon receipt of all forms, the Area 74 Treasurer will complete the upcoming 5-year budget document to include year-to-date totals for the current year and projected budget for the following year.
- The budget document is discussed, reviewed and approved at the regular meeting of the Finance Committee.
- Upon completion, the 5-year budget document is presented for review to Area 74 prior to the October Assembly via electronic communication, publication in the *Now and Then* newsletter and to any Area 74 service meetings held prior to the October Assembly (i.e. August/September ACM and/or September Assembly)
- The annual budget is presented by the Finance Committee chairperson at the October Assembly for approval. The Area 74 Treasurer is usually present with the chairperson to answer questions from the body.
- The 5-year budget document will be maintained by the Area 74 Treasurer and should be forwarded to the incoming Area 74 Treasurer at each rotation

### ***Background:***

*Last year the Finance Committee began discussing the timetable for the budget process in July and discovered that nobody on the committee could locate a written timetable. After much discussion, and recollection from 3 existing or past treasurers, it was agreed this timeline would be used, and if it seemed sensible, a motion could be written to be incorporated into the Guidelines to assist future Finance Committees as well as chairs of other committees and the Assembly as a whole to understand the budget process and timeline.*

# AREA 74 BUDGET REQUEST

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Position or Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**AREA OFFICER AND COMMITTEE EXPENSES (YEARLY)**

Travel (from Travel and Expense Worksheet)	\$ _____
Postage:	\$ _____
Copies:	\$ _____
Office Supplies:	\$ _____
Service Material, Workbooks, etc:	\$ _____
Other: (Specify: Committee Member Travel, Workshops)	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
<b>Officer and Committee Expenses SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**SPECIAL EVENTS** *(Line item is accounted for in the other expenses section of the budget. If you plan to attend one or both events, add \$75.00 to the appropriate line below)*

East Central Regional Forum (Odd Numbered Years)	\$ _____
East Central Regional Conference	\$ _____
<b>Special Events Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**OTHER ITEMS NOT COVERED OR LISTED THAT PERTAIN TO YOUR POSITION**

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>Other Items Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended Budget Request by Finance Committee** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda - Hybrid  
Sunday, May 22, 2022  
AmericInn 3009 Lake Shore Drive E. Ashland, WI 54806  
Zoom **Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882** **Passcode: 1212144**  
8:00am – 10:00am CST

8:00 AM CST

Prayer

Welcome and Housekeeping

Roll call

**Approve Minutes** from 03/05/22 Area Committee Meeting

Draft minutes were sent out via email by the Secretary

**Workshop Presentation – Concept 4 -**

**Reports:**

DCM Reports

Delegates Report

**Unfinished Business:**

Tabled Discussion on Area Conferences

- “Nicholas asked what we should do about our lack of Conferences? He said it’s a conversation the ACM can have. Jeff thought we should drop the 2022 Fall Conference because there’s no interest and that if we don’t hold a Fall Conference, the ACM will determine when & how we will. Nicholas tabled the discussion.”

**New Business:**

Approval of 9/17/22 Assembly Agenda

9/17/22 or 9/18/22 ACM – Hybrid / Zoom

Update on Hybrid

Discussion / Scheduling of Committees and Districts (Dist 13 Motion)

**Close with Responsibility Statement**

# Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) Conference

## Area 74 A.A. Organization

With locations in Northern Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of Michigan

Dates: May 20 – 22, 2022

Hosted by District 13 with AA meetings in Ashland and Bayfield Counties

**Held At:** AmericInn  
3009 Lake Shore Drive E.  
Ashland, WI 54806

Room Reservations: (715) 682-9950  
Room Rate: \$ 114.99 + tax per night  
Website: [www.americinn.com/hotels/wi/ashland](http://www.americinn.com/hotels/wi/ashland)

### Friday

Evening: Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker- Panel 72 Delegate  
evening event To Be Determined, and ice cream social.

### Saturday

Area 74 Assembly Meeting: 9:00am -3:30pm  
A.A and Alanon panels during the day.

Afternoon: Al-Anon Speaker -

Evening: Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker –  
DJ entertainment after the speaker.

### Sunday

Area 74 Committee Meeting: 8:00am to 10:00am  
Morning after committee meeting: Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker –

The Area 74 Alcoholics Anonymous Conference will include speakers and panels, Area 74 Assembly and Area 74 Committee meetings, a dinner banquet, DJ and dancing, ice cream social, alkathon, and hospitality room.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Only (\$ 20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet (\$ 25.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact me about service opportunities

\_\_\_\_\_ Special room/banquet accommodations (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Makes checks payable to: Area 74 Spring Conference, mail to: 11090 E. Lund Road Maple, WI 54854.  
For more information, contact Marty L. at (715) -363-2418.

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**There are still 40 rooms available at the AmericInn in Ashland under block name " Area 74 Spring Conference"**

Please direct all  
communications to:

P.O. Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163  
Fax: (212) 870-3003

April 6, 2022

**To:** All General Service Conference Members

**From:** Deborah K., Chair, Trustees' Literature Committee

**Re:** Call for stories – Fourth Edition of the Big Book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*

**Deadline: December 15, 2022, 4LGHistorias@aa.org**

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In keeping with the recommendation of the 2021 General Service Conference that "a Fourth Edition of the Spanish-language Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*, be developed, including updated stories that better reflect the current membership, and that a progress report be presented to the 2022 General Service Conference," the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking stories of recovery from members of the Hispanic community in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from a wide representation of the Hispanic community. Stories of recovery may also include:

- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
- Diversity of social status
- Experiences of sobriety during the pandemic
- Newcomer and old-timer experiences
- Accessibility experiences
- Spiritual experiences
- A.A. meetings on virtual platforms
- Sobriety and mental health

Suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3,500 words, double-spaced, in 12-point type. Handwritten stories should be approximately 5-6 pages.

Please include your full name, postal and email address, and phone number on the first page of your manuscript. The anonymity of all authors will be respected, whether their story is selected for publication or not.

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages.

Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of your manuscript. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

**Deadline:** Please submit on or before October 31, 2022.

**Email:** [pamphletstories@aa.org](mailto:pamphletstories@aa.org)

**Subject Line:** A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic

**Postal Mail:** Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

**On the envelope:** The word "Pamphlet" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Thank you for your participation in the process!

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communications to:  
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March 29, 2022

**To:** All General Service Conference Members

**From:** Deborah Koltai, chair, trustees' Literature Committee

**Re:** Call for stories – "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic" pamphlet

**Deadline: October 31, 2022, pamphletstories@aa.org**

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The trustees' Literature Committee has opened a call for recovery stories in response to the 2021 General Service Conference advisory action regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic," stating that the pamphlet be updated to include current stories of recovery and a new title that is respectful and inclusive.

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from all African American, Canadian, Caribbean A.A. members from the English, French and Spanish-speaking Black communities in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.

Stories of recovery may also include:

- Experience, Strength, and Hope
- Steps, Traditions, Concepts
- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
- Diversity of social status
- Sponsorship
- A.A. Service
- Safety & Racism
- Military
- Black Mental Health and Diverse Abilities
- BIPOC A.A. meetings
- Atheist/Agnostics



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April 8, 2022

**To:** All General Service Conference Members

**From:** Deborah K., chair, trustees' Literature Committee

**Re:** Call for stories – Fifth Edition of the Book *Alcoholics Anonymous* –Big Book

**Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2022**

**Online submission:** [aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th](http://aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th)

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The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order “to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more Alcoholics.”

In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that “a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action:

*“The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare’, and the Appendices remain as is.”*

In response to the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a Fifth edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

The trustees' Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories of our members for possible inclusion in the Fifth Edition which are from a broad cross-section of our local communities, all stories are of value. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*: “Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, ‘Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.’”

It is the Literature Committee's shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth edition.

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French or Spanish. If you have any questions, please write to [5BBStory@aa.org](mailto:5BBStory@aa.org).

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

**Deadline:** Please submit on or before October 31, 2022.

**Online:** [aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th](http://aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th)

**Email:** [5BBStory@aa.org](mailto:5BBStory@aa.org)

**Subject Line:** Fifth Edition of the Book *Alcoholics Anonymous*

**Postal Mail:** Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

**On the envelope:** The word "5<sup>th</sup> Edition BB" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Thank you to all who are participating in this process!

WICYPAA HOST/MADISON BID  
PRESENTS:

14  
MAY  
2022

# Panel Meeting

"WORKING WITH OTHERS"

FELLOWSHIP, PANEL, SOBER OLYMPICS  
FROM 12-4 PM

MT. SIMON PARK- HILLSIDE PAVILION  
1100 ADDISON AVE, EAU CLAIRE, WI, 54703

**\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION**

WICYPAA is the WI conference of young people in alcoholics  
anonymous. There are no age Restrictions. Visit [www.wicypaa.org](http://www.wicypaa.org)

District 19 Delta county recently we had to change their AA Hotline number.  
The new number for is 906-553-9104

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